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Mr WTI Mafanya (EFF) to ask the Minister of Defence and Military Veterans:

What are the reasons that the new uniform of the South African National Defence Force (SANDF) is being manufactured in other countries when the Republic is the most viable country to produce it?

REPLY:

The research and development of the new uniform was done locally by the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR). The first batch of the fabric was procured from another country as no company in South Africa could satisfy the CSIR specifications at the time. Since then, a few companies in South Africa are currently working on weaving the fabric and the SANDF will commence with local procurement. Regarding the foreign procured first batch, its colour scheme print (impregnation) as well as cut, make and trim (manufacturing) is being done locally by a South African company.



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MINISTER OF DEFENCE AND MILITARY VETERANS: MP